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WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED SAND FILTER MODIFICATION – FOOTHILL MAINTENANCE STATION PROJECT, CITY OF MONROVIA, LOS ANGELES COUNTY (File No. 03-148)

Dear Mr. Fandino:

Regional Board staff has reviewed your request on behalf of the California Department of Transportation for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the above-referenced project. Your application was deemed complete on October 24, 2003.

I hereby certify that any discharge from Sand Filter Modification – Foothill Maintenance Station Project, as proposed and described in Attachment A, if performed in accordance with all applicable water quality objectives, prohibitions, and policies set forth in the *Water Quality Control Plan, Los Angeles Region* (1994), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Attachment B, will comply with the applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements, including the provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act.

The Applicant shall be liable civilly for any violations of this certification in accordance with the California Water Code. This certification does not eliminate the Applicant's responsibility to comply with any other applicable laws, requirements and/or permits.

Should you have questions concerning this certification action, please contact Valerie Carrillo, Lead, Section 401 Program, at (213) 576-6759.

(Original Signed by)
Dennis A. Dickerson
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ATTACHMENT A

Project Information

File No. 03-148

1. Applicant: Caltrans, District- 7
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2. Applicant's Agent: Robert Hernandez
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3. Project Name: Sand Filter Modification Project – Foothill Maintenance Station
4. Project Location: City of Monrovia, Los Angeles County
Township/Range: T1N, R11W, SE1/4, SW1/4, Sec 25
Azusa USGS Quadrangle

Longitude: 117° 59.30'
Latitude: 34° 8.34'
5. Type of Project: Sand filter modification
6. Project Description: Purpose:
CH2M HILL is currently preparing design plans for modifications to an existing Austin-type sand filter located on the southwest corner of a Caltrans maintenance facility (Foothill Maintenance Station) located at the southwest corner of Mountain Avenue and Huntington Drive in the City of Monrovia. The existing sand filter requires modifications due to Los Angeles County Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan design storm criteria.

Description:
Caltrans is proposing to install a new sand filter discharge pipe, no larger than 4-inches in diameter along the eastern wall of Sawpit Wash. Sawpit Wash is a concrete-lined channel.

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Due to the developed and disturbed nature of the areas surrounding Sawpit Wash, the channel is devoid of any vegetation, special aquatic habitat, or visible ordinary high-water mark.

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| 7. Federal Agency/Permit: | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
NWP No. 18 (Non-notification) |
| 8. Other Required Regulatory Approvals: | California Department of Fish and Game
Streambed Alteration Agreement (Not required R5-5101-2003) |
| 9. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance: | The proposed project is Categorical Exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities). |
| 10. Receiving Water: | Sawpit Wash (Hydrologic Unit No. 405.41) |
| 11. Designated Beneficial Uses: | MUN, GWR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, WILD |
| 12. Impacted Waters of the United States: | Non-wetland waters (concrete-lined channel): 0.000023 temporary acres |
| 13. Dredge Volume: | None |
| 14. Related Projects Implemented/to be Implemented by the Applicant: | The Applicant has not identified any related projects carried out in the last 5 years or planned for implementation in the next 5 years. |

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15. Avoidance/
Minimization
Activities:

The Applicant has proposed to implement several Best Management Practices, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Caltrans will implement erosion control BMPs during construction;
- No heavy equipment will operate during the channel;
- All construction will occur above the channel on the eastern bank; and
- All material from core-drilling, if any, will be either be captured prior to entering the channel or recovered immediately.

16. Proposed
Compensatory
Mitigation:

The Applicant has not proposed any compensatory mitigation to offset temporary impacts associated with the project. In order to prevent impacts to water quality, Caltrans has proposed to implement BMPs during construction activities. The Regional Board will not require any mitigation since the impacts are temporary in nature and the project is located within a concrete-lined channel which is devoid of any vegetation.

ATTACHMENT B

Conditions of Certification File No. 03-148

STANDARD CONDITIONS

Pursuant to §3860 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (23 CCR), the following three standard conditions shall apply to this project:

1. This certification action is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to §13330 of the California Water Code and Article 6 (commencing with 23 CCR §3867).
2. This certification action is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility and requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to 23 CCR Subsection 3855(b) and the application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
3. Certification is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required pursuant to 23 CCR Chapter 28 and owed by the Applicant.